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Attorney Docket Number 4823.001

First Named Inventor James F. Thomas

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Application Number

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPELLING ANIMALS FROM ELECTRIC POWER DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT**

(Title of the Invention)

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